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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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SAFER CONSTRUCTION IN DISASTER PRONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held to descuss the technology regime for safer construction in disaster prone areas between the State Ministers in charge of Housing, Urban Development and local self Government with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the agenda discussed and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir. A meeting of the State Minister Incharge of Housing, Urban Development & Local Self-Government on the theme of Techno-legal Regime for safer Construction in Disaster Prone areaswas convened on 14th March,2001 by Ministry o f Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Government of India.

(b)&(c): The major points discussed during the meeting inter-alia included need for suitable additions/amendments in the Building Bye-laws and development control rules with a view to enforce safety aspects in the construction of housing and buildings. The State delegations recommended that there is an imminent need to strengthen regulatory aspects of Building Bye-laws and development control rules particularly in regions which lie between seismic Zone III, IVand V. For fast expending Cities structural safety aspects should be strictly enforced through bye-laws and regulations.